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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yushi KANEKO) : Examiner: R. Abelson
Appln. No.: 09/487,312) : Group Art Unit: 2666
Filed: January 19, 2000) :
For: ENCODING APPARATUS,)
ENCODING METHOD, AND) :
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING) : August 25, 2004
ENCODING PROCESSING PROGRAM) :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.